

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL GUARD DAY

December 13, 2006

WHEREAS, December 13, 2006 marks the 370th birthday of the National Guard; and

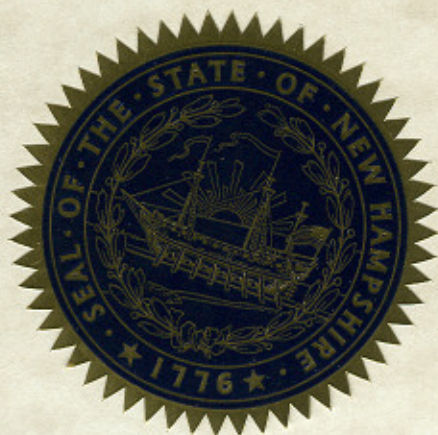
WHEREAS, The formation of the New Hampshire National Guard began with the settlement of the state, when harsh conditions and threats to land and communities made a militia essential for basic survival; and

WHEREAS, From the French and Indian War of 1754 to Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, New Hampshire's citizen soldiers have served in every major American conflict; and

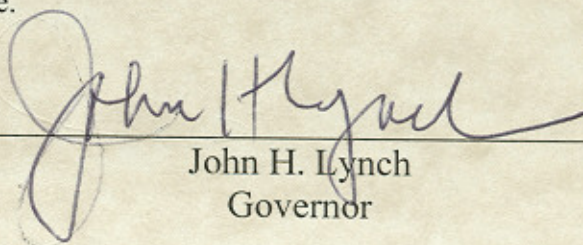
WHEREAS, Today, 2,700 men and women serve in the New Hampshire National Guard, demonstrating the conviction and strength reflected in our state motto, "Live Free or Die"; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's National Guard is a key component of both state and national defense and emergency response efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, Governor of the State of New Hampshire do hereby proclaim **December 13, 2006** as **NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL GUARD DAY** in New Hampshire, and urge all citizens to express their gratitude for our National Guard's many contributions.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 13th day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and six, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-one.


John H. Lynch
Governor